

**SOLICITATION NUMBER DE-RP27-03RV14548**  
**ANALYTICAL SERVICES AT THE 222-S LABORATORY**  
**QUESTION 2 AND ANSWER**  
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A Contractor has inquired about the selection of the NAICS code on this intended procurement. Please see question and answer below:

**Q.** " We would like to question why the 562910-Environmental Remediation Services Code was selected for this solicitation. According to the information provided at the [Small Business Contracting Opportunities Panel Discussion in Nashville on July 15, 2003] conference and the Preliminary Acquisition Concept Paper for the project, it seems appropriate that the NAICS Code be 541380. Can you give any reasoning or substantiation for why the code was chosen? What was the basis of this decision? Has the NAICS Code decision been finalized?"

**A.** Much rationalizing went into the decision to solicit under a different NAICS Code than our draft literature stated. Since the laboratory is utilized 100% for Hanford site environmental remediation, it was only right that a NAICS Code be assigned that would more efficiently describe the laboratory's mission.

The 222-S Lab scope of work encompasses the following:

- Provide services for environmental remediation (100%) including
  - preliminary assessments
  - testing
  - feasibility studies
  - storage of contaminated materials (all engineering services)
- Management services
- Testing laboratories
- Restoring a contaminated environment through sample analysis

The NAICS code selected is based upon the language found at <http://www.sba.gov/size/sizetable2002.html>; Subsection 562 - Waste Management and Remediation Services; 562910 - Environmental Remediation Services, size standard - 500 employees. The applicable language follows:

"For purposes of classifying a Government procurement as Environmental Remediation Services, the general purpose of the procurement must be to **restore a contaminated environment** and also the procurement must be composed of activities in three or more separate industries with separate NAICS codes or, in some instances (e.g., engineering), smaller sub-components of NAICS codes with separate, distinct size standards. These activities may include, but are not limited to, separate activities in industries such as: Heavy Construction; Special Trade Construction; Special Trade Construction; **Engineering Services**; Architectural Services; **Management Services**; Refuse Systems; Sanitary Services, Not Elsewhere Classified; Local Trucking Without Storage; **Testing Laboratories**; and Commercial, Physical and biological Research. If any activity in the procurement can be identified with a separate NAICS code, or component of a code with a separate distinct size standard, and that industry accounts for 50 percent or more of the value of the entire procurement, then the proper size standard is the one for that particular industry, and not the Environmental Remediation Service size standard."